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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT : Recent Accomplishments

You asked for a list of our accomplishments over the last few weeks. Listed below are those of which I am aware. They also reflect input from [redacted]

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1) We have established the Executive Advisory Group (EAG). Meetings have been held dealing with the functions and membership of the EAG itself, the proposed reorganization of ORD, the IG function, goals for CIA, Agency R&D programs, and the role of the Special Assistant for Special Activities. The meetings resulted in agreements on terms of reference for the EAG, a decision to proceed with a new approach to the IG function, and decision to continue the present organizational arrangements under which ORD conducts exploratory research. A number of additional inquiries are currently underway.

2) Several important personnel changes have been made. Claiming at least some of these as "accomplishments" may be building the lilly (after all, Mr. [redacted] did retire and all we did was fill his slot), but they are nevertheless a reflection of forward movement. These include new appointments to the positions of DDS&T and ADDS&T, DDC and ADDO, ADPA, Inspector General, General Counsel, Assistant to the DCI, Comptroller and Assistant Comptroller for Resources.

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3) The role of Assistant to the DCI has been recast under new guidelines.

4) The Office of the Comptroller has been expanded to include the functions formerly carried out by the Collection Guidance and Assessment Staff of the DCI, and that organization has been transferred to the Office of the Comptroller. The NTO for Special Activities and his functions have been

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transferred to this expanded Office and will in the future operate under the general direction of the DCI and the EAC.

5) The Agency's proposed program for 1978 has been reviewed under new arrangements with the Committee on Foreign Intelligence (CFI). Steps to further improve our ability to deal with the new CFI review process are underway.

6) A letter has been sent from the DCI to the four DDCI's and the Comptroller calling for a number of issue studies and actions arising out of the 1978 Program Review.

7) Mr. Bush has sent a letter to the President requesting authority to make certain changes in the classification and uses of the special security controls relating to satellite reconnaissance. The letter recommends that in accordance with criteria presented in E.O. 11652 which require the DCI "to establish a vigorous program to downgrade and declassify foreign intelligence information as appropriate...", the classification of the "fact of" photo-reconnaissance systems should be reduced to CONFIDENTIAL and handled outside the special security control system. NPIB supported the Director in this action.

8) We seem, at least on a private basis, to have regained the confidence of the Senate. We are making satisfactory progress on working arrangements with the new Senate Intelligence Committee. While we would have preferred to defer the House Appropriations Committee study of the DDCI, the terms under which this effort will be carried out appear satisfactory.

9) Responsibility for review of the Agency's posture with respect to strategic warning and crisis management issues has been assigned to [REDACTED]

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10) A special study of the Agency's role in SIGINT activities has been chartered under [REDACTED] and his progress is being monitored by the EAC.

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Comptroller

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MEMO FOR: James Taylor, Comptroller  
FROM : [REDACTED] A/DDCI  
SUBJECT : Recent Accomplishments Paper

A few additional thoughts on the attached:

- a) DDCI, following his confirmation by the Senate, has established himself in his role as the Agency's day-to-day manager.
- b) A negative point. To suggest that personnel changes are an "accomplishment" raises two problems:

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c) We have, at least on a private basis, regained the confidence of the Senate. (Incidentally, the title of the new Committee does not include the word "Oversight.") Cf. Gary Hart's request to DDCI for a TV interview.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT : Recent Accomplishments

Mr. Knoche asked for a list of our accomplishments over the last few weeks. Listed below are some of them. Can you add to or refine this list? I would appreciate an answer back by the end of the week.

1) We have established the Executive Advisory Group (EAG). Five meetings have been held dealing with the functions of the EAG itself, the proposed reorganization of ORD, the IG function, goals for CIA, and Agency R&D programs. These meetings resulted in agreements on terms of reference for the EAG, a decision to proceed with a new approach to the IG function, and a decision to continue the present organizational arrangements under which ORD conducts exploratory research.

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ADDA, Inspector General, General Counsel, Assistant to the DCI, and Comptroller.

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4) The Agency's proposed program for 1978 has been reviewed under new arrangements with the Committee on Foreign Intelligence (CFI). Further steps to improve our ability to deal with the CFI will follow.

5) A letter has been sent from the DDCI to the four DDCI's and the Comptroller calling for a number of issue studies and actions arising out of the 1978 Program Review.

6) [REDACTED] declassification study, providing for \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_, has been completed and follow-on efforts have been assigned to the National Foreign Intelligence Board.

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